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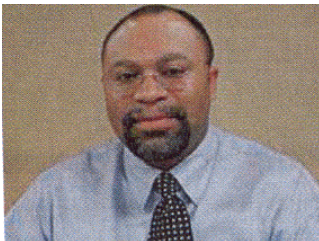
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Roderick L. Bremby, Secretary

Kathleen Sebelius, Governor

NEW SECRETARY FOR KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT



Roderick L. Bremby was appointed Secretary of KDHE on January 7, 2003, by Governor Kathleen Sebelius. Secretary Bremby received his Masters in Public

Administration from the Edwin O. Stene Graduate Program in Public Administration at the University of Kansas. He joined the Work Group in April 2000 after a distinguished career in local government. Secretary Bremby served the City of Lawrence, Kansas as the Assistant City Manager from 1990 through March of 2000.

In almost twenty years of local government management experience, he worked in the areas of budget and research, applied technology, and executive management. He has completed postgraduate study at the Brookings Institution, The Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, and an executive development course at The Center for Creative Leadership. Secretary Bremby is a Kansas Health Foundation fellow, a graduate of the Leadership Fort Worth, Leadership Lawrence, and Leadership Kansas programs. Rod has received the Buford Watson Public Service Award, has been listed among the Outstanding Young Men of America, Who's Who Among Black Americans, and Who's Who in America.

As a past recipient of the University of Kansas' Rusty Leffel concerned Student Award, the R. Scott Brooks Memorial Award, Rod was inducted into Pi Alpha Alpha and Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Societies.

His previous work involved providing technical assistance, evaluation support and community research for community health initiatives. Rod has been a consultant for a variety of organizations including community coalitions, advocacy organizations, and local government agencies.

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National Nurses Week
May 6 – 12, 2003

KDHE APPOINTS ACTING DIRECTOR OF HEALTH



Dick Morrissey has agreed to serve as Acting Director of KDHE's Division of Health. He replaces Dr. Michael Moser, who left the agency for a new position in Ohio effective April 11.

"Dick has focused on health policy and public health in Kansas government for more than 25 years," KDHE Secretary Roderick Bremby said. "His leadership and experience will help the agency continue working toward its goals including further development of health policies and continued implementation of the state's smallpox vaccination efforts."

Morrissey has served as Director of the KDHE Office of Local and Rural Health with a focus on helping Kansas communities make the changes necessary to maintain and improve access to primary care and preventive services.

Morrissey served as Deputy Director of the KDHE Division of Health from 1989 to 1992 and as Special Assistant to the Secretary of Health and Environment from 1981 to 1983. He directed the state's health facility licensure and certification programs and the health professional credentialing program for ten years after beginning his career in Kansas government working in health planning.

Dr. Gianfranco Pezzino will continue to serve as the State Epidemiologist and Medical Director.

A nationwide search is underway for a Director of KDHE's Division of Health.

A LETTER FROM DR. MOSER

April 11, 2003

Dear Colleagues in Public Health,

It has been a great honor and privilege to serve since 1999 as Kansas State Health Officer and Director of Health for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Not least among the benefits that came to me during my tenure in this post was the opportunity to get to know many of you, to learn from you, and to work



in partnership with you to advance the health of the people of Kansas.

I am leaving KDHE and the state of Kansas for a tremendously exciting opportunity in Ohio. As my wife puts it, "Now you have the chance to do the two things you like best---public health practice and teaching". Only a professional attraction of this caliber could have pulled me from Kansas and the many Kansans whom I have come to love. Starting in June, I will be serving as Director of the Akron City Health Department and as Professor of Community Health for the Northeast Ohio Universities College of Medicine. My predecessors in Akron, Drs. John Morley and Bill Keck, have made Akron a national benchmark for a well-run local public health agency and a focus for community health collaboration across the city, the county, and the region. They have set a high standard for me to match. I think my experience in Kansas and the many good models for local public health practice that I have observed here will help me in leading the Akron Health Department to new distinction.

When I started my time at KDHE, I asked people to judge my tenure by results---by whether the state of public health in Kansas was better at the end than it was when I started. I will be prompt to acknowledge that we have had setbacks---the current budget crisis, coupled with our failure in preceding years to convince the Legislature to increase funding for local health departments, loom large in that vein. But on balance I have seen important and gratifying progress. I believe that the spirit and extent of collaboration between the Division of Health and local health departments is at an all time high. Working together, we have launched a public health bioterrorism program that has elicited praise far beyond our borders. Most importantly, Kansas public health is prepared to respond more effectively than ever before to the threat of a bioterrorism attack, and we are getting even better prepared every week. The Public Health Certificate Program and related initiatives to strengthen our public health workforce continue to grow and are laying a critical foundation for a stronger Kansas public health system in the years ahead. Numerous community-focused responses to the challenges of chronic disease and injury have sprouted, grown, and begun to bear fruit over the past four years. These are just a few of the important improvements for public health that KDHE and its local partners have implemented over the past 4 years. Of course, I wish we had been able to do even more, but what we have accomplished is by no means insignificant. The credit for these developments belongs to you and

to the hard working staff of the Division of Health. I am proud to have been associated with them.

Thank you for the courtesy you have shown me, and for your continuing dedication to improvement of the health of the people of Kansas.

May peace, prosperity, and good health be with you and your communities,
Michael Moser, MD, MPH, FACPM

A LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY

Public Health sees new challenges every year from West Nile Virus and anthrax to smallpox vaccinations and SARS. And each year we rise to meet those challenges head on with additional plans, implementation of those plans, and a general readiness to respond to whatever may come. While KDHE provides guidance on various issues, it is the local health departments that are relied upon to do the work in the communities. Without the assistance of local health departments, the Smallpox Vaccination Program would not have been successful.

In the three months I've been with KDHE, I've been very impressed with the dedication and commitment shown by local health department staff across the state and I look forward to getting to know you as we work together on many issues. The programs and services you provide to your community are vital for a healthy state.

Your input is important and I look forward to learning more about the specific issues you face. Meanwhile, I'm very encouraged by what I have seen and heard from local health departments across the state and I thank you for the hard work you're doing.

Be Well,
Rod

NEW VACCINE RESULTS IN UP TO SIX FEWER INJECTIONS FOR INFANTS



GlaxoSmithKline

Glaxo Smith
Kline

announced on
December 13,
2002 that its

combination vaccine, *PEDIARIX* (Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Adsorbed, Hepatitis B (Recombinant) and Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine Combined) received support for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to be given to infants at 2, 4, and 6 months of age for the prevention of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B and polio. *PEDIARIX* is the first five-in-

one U.S. licensed vaccine to offer protection against five serious diseases in a three-dose vaccination series. This combination vaccine results in up to six fewer injections for infants, which may reduce infants' pain and discomfort.

The development of combination vaccines includes trials that are designed to demonstrate safety and immunogenicity of the combination vaccine as compared to the separate administration of individual U.S. licensed vaccines. *PEDIARIX* was proven safe and effective in numerous clinical trials worldwide, where 20,739 doses of *PEDIARIX* were administered to 7,028 infants.

Combination vaccines, such as DTP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis), have been available and effectively used for 56 years. In fact, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Pediatric (AAP) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) prefer the use of licensed combination vaccines versus separate injections of their equivalent component vaccines. This preference is based on the rationale that the use of combination vaccines is a practical way to overcome the constraints of multiple injections.

NEW PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITIES

SEVERAL NEW EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES PLANNED FOR PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS IN KANSAS

Nearly 100 years ago, Dr. Samuel Crumbine was able to almost single-handedly make public health education a priority for audiences not only across Kansas, but also the nation.

His educational campaigns introduced settlers to the benefits of "swatting that fly." Crumbine also helped eliminate public drinking cups and the risky practice of sharing common towels. His emphasis on education allowed him to have an impact on the health of scores of citizens.

Today, public health workers in Kansas are facing a new set of challenges that even Dr. Crumbine would probably be frustrated by. The spread of West Nile Virus and the threats of bioterrorism are just two items on a list that seems to grow daily.

To help support these new demands facing public health workers statewide, several innovative, educational endeavors have been developed. Among these are the new Public Health Workforce Development Program within KDHE, Kansas Public Health WALD Center, the Heartland Center for Public Health Workforce Development and the

upcoming Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute and Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds Education series.

KDHE PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

With funding support from the Kansas Health Foundation, KDHE has established a Public Health Workforce Development Coordinator position in the Office of Local and Rural Health. Linda Frazier, who has served as a Public Health Nurse Specialist and Distance Learning Development Coordinator for the past six years, is serving in this new position. In her new role, Linda will be responsible for overall coordination of a comprehensive workforce development plan for the Kansas Public Health workforce, with the involvement of multiple state, regional, and national training partners.

In recent months, there has been a great expansion of educational offerings available to public health practitioners, in the form of formal courses for academic credit, educational conferences/workshops provided by KDHE programs as well as other organizations, and distance learning opportunities provided through the CDC Public Health Training Network and the various Public Health Education and Training Centers/Preparedness Centers, established in Schools of Public Health with support from CDC and HRSA. Despite this increase in availability of educational programming, the "missing link" is an effective means to connect the learner with the appropriate educational offering, accessible to the learner and targeted to their individual training needs. The Public Health Workforce Development Program will provide this link, by identifying and promoting to public health professionals in Kansas, specific training opportunities which address identified training needs and address gaps in current practice, such as those identified through the PHPPO Public Health Preparedness and Response Capacity Inventory.

To create this linkage, several activities will be undertaken through collaboration with multiple partners, including KALHD, KHI, and academic centers. These activities include the following:

- Assessment of educational needs of the state and local public health workforce
- Development of an electronic learning resource directory for public health professionals
- Collaboration with academic training partners to develop and provide training offerings which address gaps in capacity

- Assurance of educational offerings which promote core public health competencies and public health performance standards
- Implementation of TRAIN, a nationwide learning management system, connecting Kansas public health professionals with available training nationwide

HEARTLAND CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



The Heartland Center for Public Health Workforce

Development is an umbrella under which two separate centers operate; the HRSA Public Health Education and Training Center and the CDC Academic Center for Public Health Preparedness. The Heartland Center serves Kansas and Missouri.

Academic and practice partners in both Centers include the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita, the Kansas Public Health Wald Center and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

The Heartland's Education and Training Center and Center for Public Health Preparedness contribute as part of the national systems of HRSA and CDC Centers through completion of national objectives regarding workforce and resource assessment, competency based program development, incentive and certification development, technology mediated communications and programming, and evaluation and research to determine workforce competence and capacity improvement.

The goal of the Heartland Center is to improve the competence and capacity of the public health workforce, public health leaders/leadership teams and other front line personnel in Missouri and Kansas to respond to bioterrorist incidents, emerging infectious diseases and other public health threats and emergencies.

The Heartland Center is sponsoring a **Public Health Grand Rounds Series in Kansas** this summer. Four seminars are currently being planned with topics including cultural competence, informatics, public health law and risk communication. On July 26, Dr. Stacie Walton will conduct a daylong program on Cultural Competence. There will be a presentation on Risk Communications by Dr. Vince Covello in the near future.

Each program will be presented at the KU School of Medicine located in Wichita. However, the series will be made available live to satellite downlink capable sites across the state. More news regarding

the Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds, including registration information, will be made available later on in May. Continuing nursing education credits will be offered.

As another example of services provided by the Heartland Center, several CD-ROMs have been produced and are available free to public health and other health care workers in Kansas. These include: Bioterrorism Toolkit: Key Resources for Infection Control Professionals and Health Care Workers; Bioterrorism: A clinical review for physicians; Clinical Description and Epidemiology of Bioterrorism Agents: Anthrax, Smallpox and Plague; and Public Health Preparedness Toolkit: Key Resources for Public Health Departments.

In addition, the Heartland Center has several educational modules and many speakers that can be provided for events in Kansas. To learn more about services available through the Heartland Center, visit <http://www.slu.edu/centers/heartland> or contact Linda Frazier 785-296-3641, Shirley Orr, 785-296-7100, or Becky Gruhn, 316-293-2606.

KANSAS PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Kansas Health Foundation has provided a grant to enable members of the Kansas Workforce and Leadership Development Coordinating Committee to plan a Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute.

The mission of the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute is to develop, educate, and empower public health leaders in the state of Kansas so that leaders can apply knowledge, skills, and competencies to initiate and sustain change strategies to advance public health and keep the public healthy.

The specific aims for each scholar in the yearlong Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute (KPHLI) will be to enhance and develop transactional and transformational knowledge, skills and competencies vital to development of change strategies to impact, through core functions of assessment, policy and assurance, the local public health infrastructure and meet KPHLI and national year 2010 objectives.

The proposed theme of the first year of the KPHLI is "Who Will Keep the Public Healthy: Leadership in Chaotic Times." Four curriculum modules have been identified for the first year. These include: 1). Transformational Leadership and Team Development; 2). Leadership in Population Health Promotion, Education and Communication; 3). Leadership in Crisis/Risk Communication and Terrorism; and 4). From Public Health 101 to the Ecological Model for Public Health.

Each module will be one and one-half days in length and will require travel to a central location (yet to be determined). In addition, scholars will be required to complete a capstone project to graduate from the KPHLI.

Each scholar class will be comprised of 15-20 individuals. In order to gain admission into the KPHLI, applicants must meet the following criteria: Have a minimum of five years experience in public health; Write a one-page statement of interest as to why he/she would like to participate in the KPHLI; Include three letters of recommendation; Or, scholars may be nominated in lieu of the application process; Priority will be given to applicants who have completed the Kansas Public Health Certificate program, or applicants who hold local and regional leadership positions.

Applications will be made available by early May and will be due June 27. Applicants accepted into the leadership institute will begin their first module in early October.

WALD CENTER



The Kansas Public Health WALD Center is a Web-based virtual education center that was created in January 2002 to enable the integration and coordination of a continuous preparedness, information and education endeavor for the entire public health workforce in Kansas.

The WALD Center is located at <http://www.waldcenter.org>. This Center links continuing education, certificate training and MPH education for public health workers in Kansas and is part of the CDC-funded Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness and the HRSA-funded Heartland Public Health Education and Training Center.

The WALD Center is jointly sponsored by the Departments of Preventive Medicine and Public Health at the KU School of Medicine in Kansas City and Wichita, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), and the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD).

Several resources, including CD-ROMs, videotapes, books and online links, are available to the public. The WALD Center is currently working with KALHD to build a Web site template for all local health departments statewide. More information regarding this project will be presented at the KALHD mid-year meeting in June.

MINNESOTA MULTI-STATE CONTRACTING ALLIANCE FOR PHARMACY FACILITY



Minnesota Multi-State Contracting
Alliance for Pharmacy

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Local Health Departments seeking a MMCAP application will be sent one in the monthly mailing from Office of Local & Rural Health. Some Kansas health departments are already members of MMCAP and are reaping the benefits of purchasing pharmaceuticals, flu vaccine and medical supplies at a reduced rate. There are no fees. Just fill out the application. When asked which contracts will your facility use, check "ALL THREE". Send your application to Chris Howe, CPPB, Procurement Officer, Kansas Division of Purchases, 900 SW Jackson, Room 102N, Topeka, KS 66612-1286 or Fax 785-296-7240, Phone 785-296-2374. Chris will send the application on to MMCAP. MMCAP will then send the vendors notification that the health department's application has been accepted. MMCAP will send an e-mail to the health departments displaying a price list from pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, etc. If you do not have a DEA or HIN#, MMCAP will assign a HIN# to your county.

NEWS BRIEFS

HHS Launches Spanish Hotline to Assist Hispanics with Health Issues



The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has created a toll-free bilingual national health hotline aimed at providing Hispanic families with basic health information to prevent and manage chronic conditions. The hotline, Su Familia National Hispanic Family Health Helpline, will refer callers to local health care providers and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Callers can also request basic health information, referrals to information sources, or receive consumer friendly fact sheets on a variety of topics. The Su Familia Helpline can be reached at 866-783-2645/866-SU-FAMILIA, Monday thru Friday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (EST), or at:

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2003pres/20030312.html>

Hospital-Acquired Infections are being Underreported

RN March 2003



Joint Commission

on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

JCAHO has issued a Sentinel Event Alert calling for greater reporting of deaths and permanent injuries/loss of function incurred as the result of nosocomial infections. These "events" are seriously underreported nationwide.

The CDC estimates that more than 2 million patients annually develop hospital-acquired infections and that nearly 90,000 die as a result. But in the last seven years, JCAHO has received only 10 infection-related reports involving 53 patients and 14 deaths. That could be because healthcare providers don't realize that serious nosocomial infections are considered "errors" under JCAHO'S definition of a sentinel event.

Greater reporting of permanent injuries and deaths from hospital-acquired infection will result in better understanding of the factors that lead to their occurrence and more effective prevention strategies, JCAHO asserts. The Sentinel Event Alert is available at <http://www.jcaho.org>.

REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

The next round of Regional Administrator Meetings will include the following speakers and topics:

Linda Frazier – Competencies and Update on PH online resources

Tobacco Prevention Educator – Updates

KDHE Medical Investigator – Updates & Disease Surveillance

Northeast: Next meeting June 12, 2003, at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference 4th Floor, Topeka, from 10am-3pm.

North Central: Next meeting is scheduled from 9:30am-3pm on June 24, 2003 at the Smith County Health Department.

Northwest: Next meeting is June 12, 2003, from 10am-3pm at the NW Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley. Please RSVP to Georgetta Schoenfeld for a lunch count at 785-672-4502 or email at lgcohdgeorgetta@colbyweb.com.

Southwest: Meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2003 in Garden City.

Central KS: Next meeting is May 28, 2003, from 10am-3pm at the Reno County Health Department in Hutchinson from 10am-3pm.

South Central Coalition: Next meeting is July 11, 2002, from 9am-3pm at the Ambulance Barn in Pratt.

NEWS CAPS

Information About Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is investigating a new disease called severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS). The disease was first reported among people in Guangdong Province (China), Hanoi (Vietnam), and Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region of China). It has since spread to other countries. As of April 7, more than 100 cases of SARS had been reported in the United States. For additional information look for SARS fact sheet at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/factsheet.htm>.

New Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Guidance Manual

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities has recently released an Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program Guidance Manual. The purpose of the guidance manual is to assist states and other stakeholders in developing or enhancing comprehensive EHDI programs. EHDI is a growing national public health initiative, which supports the Healthy People 2010 objectives of enhancing the lives of children with hearing loss and their families. To view guidance manual, visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/documents/EDHI%20Guidelines.pdf>

GENERAL WORKSHOPS/TRAININGS

Introduction to Basic Epidemiology

Bureau of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention

Denise Curtis, Senior Epidemiologist, for Epidemiologic Services, Bureau of Epidemiology & Disease Prevention, KDHE, will be presenting a

three part series on "Basic Epidemiology". The topics covered will be Basic Epi, Outbreak Investigation and Surveillance. Training sessions will be in Garden City, Oakley, Salina, Wichita, Chanute and Topeka. To receive an email of the brochure in Word contact

pbehnke@kdhe.state.ks.us

Garden City – May 7	Oakley – May 8
Salina – May 19	Wichita – May 22
Chanute – May 28	Topeka – May 30

Kansas Smallpox Vaccination Program Expansion

This training is being offered to provide current information about the expansion of the Smallpox Vaccination Program for the State of Kansas. It will outline important facts on the risks and benefits of smallpox vaccination as well as information and guidance for managing pre- and post- vaccination activities.



The Training Sessions will be presented statewide on April 30th to 15 sites. The morning session will include Smallpox Planning Process, basics of the disease and the vaccine, data management, and cardiac contraindications. The afternoon session will outline the next steps in the State Smallpox Vaccination Program, and allow time for questions and answers from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Personnel. For registration form contact: pbehnke@kdhe.state.ks.us.

First Annual KPHA Spring Training



The Kansas Public Health Association is holding its first annual Spring Training event to offer a multidisciplinary learning opportunity, complete with CEUs, along three tracks:

- * Basics and Beyond
- * Bioterrorism
- * Community Success Stories

This conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Select in Wichita on May 14-15. New Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary Rod Bremby will speak at the event and will share his view of public health and be available to answer questions from participants. In addition, each of

the three tracks will offer eight breakout sessions and will include cutting edge information on such topics as West Nile Virus, fluoridation, new migrant challenges, disease surveillance and investigation, incident command systems for public health, psychological aspects of readiness and response, regionalization for public health delivery and preparedness, dealing with multi-drug resistant tuberculosis, and how to develop a successful, community-wide smoke-free restaurant campaign.

The training is set to run from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm on May 14 and 7:30 am - 11:30 am on May 15. The cost to attend is \$125 for KPHA members and \$150 for nonmembers.

Fluoride Varnish Training

May 6 from 9:00am-noon at the Saline County Health Department, 125 West Elm, Salina. **RSVP by May 2** to Dawn McGlasson, RDH, BSDH, Oral Health Consultant 785-296-1314 or dmcglass@kdhe.state.ks.us

Medical Interpreter Training

The next project period:

Emporia, May 12-13/May 16-18, 2003

Great Bend, June 2-3/June 11-13, Job Service Center (2nd Floor), Extension of Barton County Community College, 1025 Main, Great Bend, Kansas.

Salina, July 17-18/July 23-25, 2003.

If you have questions or would like an application for the Medical Interpreter Training being presented in your area, please call Gaby Flores at the Jewish Vocational Services, Kansas City, Missouri, at (816) 471-2808, ext 124. For additional questions or concerns, please contact Anita Hodge, KDHE at (785) 368-8110.



Kansas Emergency Management 2003 Training



Legal Authorities in a Crisis – May 15 – Hays
Principles of Emergency Management – May 28-30 – Garden City

Emergency Response to Terrorism: Basic Concepts – May 29-30 – Fort Riley

Multihazard safety Program for Schools – June 3-4 – Beloit

Critical Incident Stress Management – July 22-23 – Ulysses

Exercise Design and Evaluation – July 22-25 – Beloit

Information on each course can be found at <http://www.ink.org/public/kdem>. Changes and updates to the training schedule will be posted on the website and in the Kansas Emergency Management Newsletter, published quarterly. For an application please call the Training Office at 785-274-1412.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Kansas State Board of Nursing -
<http://www.ksbn.org>

Area Health Education Centers (AHEC's)

NW KS – Register or call at 785-628-6128

5/28 "Impact of Trauma: Physical and Sexual abuse in Children" - Beloit

SAVE THE DATE!!! 3rd Annual Sizzlin' Summer symposium July 16-17, 2003 – "Trauma on the Plains – Hays

SW KS – Register or call at 620-275-0259

5/9 – "All That Sneezes and Wheezes: Pediatric Respiratory Emergencies" 9:00am-4:00pm – Liberal

5/14 – "It Should Not Hurt to Grow Old" – Garden City

SE KS – Register or call at 620-235-4040

5/8 – "Weight Control and Diets" – Parsons

5/14 – "Women's Health Issues" – Chanute

5/21 – "Menopausal Issues" – Burlington

5/21 – "Diabetes; What's New" – Ft. Scott

Satellite Downlinks

Cross-Cultural Communication in Health Care: Building Organizational Capacity

Wednesday, June 4 - 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. CDT
DOWNLINK SITE: KU School of Medicine (Wichita Room) 1010 N. Kansas (off 135 at 8th & 9th St. exit) Wichita

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Center for Health Services Financing and Managed Care has joined forces with the HHS Office of Minority Health to bring you an exciting "how to" telecast that will help your organization deliver linguistically competent care. Bringing national experts and leaders from best practice organizations, we will share with you experiences that organizations like yours have had in planning and implementing linguistic services.

Expert faculty includes Ms. Shani Dowd, Director of Clinical Cultural Competency Training at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care (Boston, MA) and Dr. Robert Like, Director of the Center for Health Families and Cultural Diversity at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (New Brunswick, NJ). In addition, Ms. Deeana Jang (Senior Civil Rights Analyst, U.S. DHHS Office of Civil Rights), Mr. Kelvin Quan (CFO and General Counsel, Alameda Alliance for Health, Alameda, CA), Ms. Dinah Surh (VP/Administrator, Sunset Part Family Health Center Network, Brooklyn, NY) Ms. Catalina Sol, Director, HIV Program, La Clínica del Pueblo, and Ms. Joyce St. George (co-Director, Pact Training, New Kingston, NY) will join us in this program.

Successful approaches will be shared that have worked to improve communication between providers and patients with limited-English-proficiency (LEP).

Resources and tools will help you take your organization to a new level in developing effective programs to serve low-income patients in a managed care setting.

** If you are unable to attend the satellite broadcast at KU School of Medicine, Wichita, the broadcast will be taped and tapes will be made available to health care providers.

If you have questions please contact Anita Hodge (785) 368-8110 or e-mail ahodge@kdhe.state.ks.us

See PHTN website –

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn> to view a complete list and register for training and programs. Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at 785-625-5663 if you need assistance.

To order Tapes/CDs: Public Health Foundation
Online Bookstore:

<http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm> CDC BT programs-<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/trainig/index.asp>

Nursing Education

Ft. Hays Nursing: <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>
KU Nursing - KU has an on-line RN to BSN completion program at <http://www.ku.edu/schools>
Washburn PHN Certification Program: email Dr. Janice Dunwell at: zzdnwl@washburn.edu
ANA's web site at <http://www.rnce.org>

Online Continuing Education

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars –
<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us>. Click on the calendar you wish to view.

Training Finder: Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings at
<http://www.trainingfinder.org>.

The MMWR Continuing Education Program:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

MPH Kansas: <http://mph.kumc.edu>

National Library of Medicine–

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>

CDC BT Training–

<http://bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness –

<http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness –
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>

Public Health Training Centers –

<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers –

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp>

Public Health Workforce Competencies

Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers –
<http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institute-centers/chphsr/index.html>

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice –

<http://www.Trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>

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